



École Intermediaire Central Middle School

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

CMS Library

In Attendance: Nathan Good (Vice-Principal), Giselle Ruest (Vice-Principal), Sarah Rollingson (Chair), Shari Seely (Vice-Chair), Shara-Lee Holmes (Secretary), Michelle Davison, Chantal Mangan, Carol Smyth

Regrets: Darrin DeMale (Principal), Alicia Tulp

Welcome:

We would like to recognize the land we are on. To the North of the Red Deer River is Treaty Six and to the South, where our school resides is, Treaty Seven land. Red Deer is located on ground that was traditionally used by the Blackfoot, Stoney and Cree people. They would come to this area for hunting and trading. The Metis people also traded along the Red Deer River. It is important that we recognize and give thanks for the use of this land as we actively work towards reconciliation.

1. **Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm**

2. **Addition / Adoption of the Agenda**

- *Added Guest Speaker Danielle Verklan, LAT*
- *Moved by Sarah*

Carried Unanimously

3. **Approval of September 21, 2021 Minutes**

- *Amend the number of electoral Trustee candidates from 6 to 16.*
- *Moved by Michelle*

Carried Unanimously

4. **New Business:**

Guest Speaker

a) **Guest Speaker: Danielle Verklan, LAT**

- Targeted Interventions – shared how the process: two week cycles with specific teachers working with specific students in areas of Literacy and Numeracy, during Block 3 each day. These efforts are aimed at helping students that have gaps in their learning from the past 1.5 years of intermittent at home/online learning.
- There is a new Literacy Specialist: Suzanna Grosse working through District Office.

b) **Reports and Updates – Principals Report**

- **Terry Fox:** Change in approach on Terry Fox Day (no run), instead discussions with staff and students were held regarding cancer and how it has touched so many lives. In the Library a visual display was created using notecards from staff and students with personal experiences.
- **Benchmarking:** Currently taking place in preparation for Report Cards.
- **Clubs:** An updated list was provided.
- **School Pictures Retakes:** Will be held October 27th. Homeroom teachers have Codes.
- **Outdoor Ed 7:** Heading out cycling this Friday.
- **Pumpkin Carving Contest:** Currently going on – everyone is encouraged to participate!
- **Halloween Dress Up:** October 29th students may wear their costumes – no masks/face coverings or weapons allowed.
- **Jr. Volleyball:** Both the boys and girls teams did very well with tremendous growth and development. Final tournaments will be held in the coming weeks.



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- **Multicultural Week:** November 1-5th and special activities will be held for students during Block 3. There will also be different foods available in the Agora, please bring monies.
- **Remembrance Day:** Tuesday, November 9th a special presentation will be held.

c) City Wide Council –

- **Next Meeting:** November 30th (tentatively)

d) ASCA Report – see email attachments; discussed highlights. The Alberta government granted each school council \$500 to help reach out to and promote parent engagement. High level discussion as to options for our school.

e) Fundraising – Discussed Family Fun Night – we will most likely need to amend the format that we previously used if we decide to host an event. Potential for having an event later in the year (Spring). Discussed other fundraising options: Purdy's Chocolates, Poinsettias. The group was in favor of looking into the poinsettias before the end of the year and the chocolates in the spring in lieu of the silent auction that we have done previously.

5. Round Table –

- **Guest Speakers** – Discussed having guest speakers come to our Council Meetings some ideas were having Counsellors, Jo(e) Social Media, Trevor Pikkert (Educational Technology Coordinator), etc. If you have any ideas, please let us know!
- **Covid Update** – brief discussion of Central's current cases "2 – 4". This reporting style is a change from last year. Also discussed an outbreak as being 3 cases within 5 days in the same class and the requirements to isolate / quarantine.
- **Daily Announcements** – They are posted on Powerschool, just in case you missed them!

6. Next Meeting – November 23, 2021

7. Adjournment @ 8:11 pm